



***Remembering 1916: The Easter Rising, The Battle of the
Somme and Impact on Lowell—A Public Engagement
Conference***

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016 -
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren Street
Lowell, MA 01852**

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

5 – 6 p.m.

Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

6 – 7 p.m.

Networking Reception

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

7 - 8 p.m.

Introductions and Keynote Address

Keynote: Remembering 1916: Legacy and Commemoration

Speaker: William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

Thursday, September 8, 2016

8 – 9 a.m.

Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

9 – 9:15 a.m.

Conference Welcome

Speaker: The Honorable Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland to New England

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

9:15 – 10 a.m.

From Past Conflict to Shared Future: The Living Legacies of World War 1 and 1916

Speaker: Prof. Keith Lilley, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918'

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

10 – 10:45 a.m.

Remembering 1916: Community Engagement in Northern Ireland

Speakers: Dr. Kurt Taroff, Queen's University Belfast
Sophie Long, PhD Candidate at Queen's University Belfast

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

10:45 – 11 a.m.

Coffee /Tea Break

11– 11:45 a.m.

Excavating 1916: Community Archaeology in Action

Speakers: Dr. Colm Donnelly, Director, Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF) and Senior Research Fellow at Queen's University Belfast
Heather Montgomery, Queen's University Belfast

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

- 11:45 – 12:30 p.m. Exhibiting 1916: Community Engagement and Curating Practices**
Speakers: William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland
Fiona Byrne, Living Legacies 1914 – 1918
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch**
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. The Rising: Tradition and Social Memory**
Speakers: Dr. Tomás Mac Conmara, Manager, Cork Folklore Project
Thomas O'Mahony, Cork Folklore Project
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. 1916 in Irish-American Identity and Remembrance**
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- Title: “Lowell and the Rising: What Do the Newspapers Tell Us?”**
Speaker: Prof. Robert Forrant, University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Title: “Lowell’s Contributions to World War I”**
Speaker: Eileen Loucraft, Lowell Historical Society
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Irish-American Connections: Reflecting on 1916 and 2016 - a Roundtable**
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 4:30 – 6 p.m. Conference Closing and Reception**
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor